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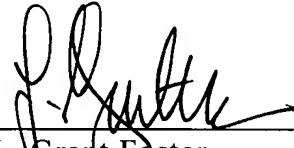
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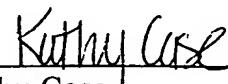
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In response to the Office Action dated 24 January 2007, applicant elects to prosecute the invention of Group 1 (claims 1-28). Applicant therefore withdraws, without prejudice, claims 29-37.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.